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correct conclusion, or when, covering only a limited extent, and thus liable to be modified by local circumstances, they are made to subserve a broad generalization, they can only lead to error, or perpetuate falsities already current. We make these remarks as suggestive of the peculiar and great merit of Dr. Wynne's book. His inquiries comprehend all parts of our country, all the diversities of condition, occupation, climate, situation, liability to disease, in fine, all such circumstances bearing upon longevity as can be deduced from registers and presented numerically. These are handled with an eminently philosophic treatment, by a mind committed to no theory, and evidently bent solely on the enucleation of the truth. The only error that can attach itself to the conclusions results from the deficiency of American records, and that error is reduced to its minimum by carefully reasoned analogies, based upon the materials in hand. It is gratifying to know that no less than eighteen Life Insurance Companies have aided in the expense of preparing this work. The solvency of these companies, of course, depends on the trustworthiness of their tables of longevity, and the judiciousness of their regulations as to the variable sanitary condition and liabilities of applicants. Their insolvency would be a public calamity of the first magnitude, sweeping away the sole provision which thousands make for the support of their families and the security of their creditors. Dr. Wynne has thus rendered a great and lasting service to his country; while his work cannot but redound to his own high reputation for industry, ability, and scientific culture.

16. — *The American Angler's Guide ; or, Complete Fisher's Manual for the United States : containing the Opinions and Practices of experienced Anglers of both Hemispheres ; with the various Modes adopted in Ocean, River, Lake, and Pond Fishing ; the usual Tackle and Baits required ; Instructions in the Art of making Artificial Flies ; Methods of making Fish-Ponds, Transportation of Fish, etc., etc., etc.* Fourth Edition, revised, corrected, and greatly improved, with the addition of a Second Part, containing over one hundred Pages of useful and instructive Information. Handsomely illustrated with twenty Engravings of the principal Angle Fish of America, and embellished with numerous Engravings on Steel, Stone, and Wood, by the best Artists. New York : D. Appleton & Co. 1857. pp. 332.

THIS is one of the most beautiful books of the current year. Its engravings alone would give it a very great interest and value. Its

description of the habits of various fishes is minute and thorough. Its instructions to anglers, and its culinary directions for the benefit of epicures, seem to leave nothing unsaid. Literature, black-letter and modern, is ransacked for illustration, and the pages contain many rich and racy *morceaux* of prose and poetry from authors not easily accessible. The work, while a perfect *vade mecum* for the aquatic sportsman, is one of the most entertaining and suggestive of table-books, whether for the library or the drawing-room.

17.—1. *A Manual for the Use of Notaries Public and Bankers; comprising a Summary of the Law of Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, both in Europe and the United States, Checks on Bankers, and Sight Bills; with approved Forms of Protest, and Notice of Protest; and References to important Legal Decisions; especially adapted to the Use of Notaries Public and Bankers.* By BERNARD ROELKER, A.M., of the New York Bar. Third Edition. *With numerous Additions in reference to Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes; Protest; Transfer of Bills and Notes; Letters of Credit; Forged Bills; Fraudulent and Lost Bank Bills; Sight Bills, &c., and Reference to recent Decisions in the United States and English Courts; and a Synopsis of the Usury Laws of each State, and the Law of Damages on Protested Bills.* By J. SMITH HOMANS, Editor of the "Bankers' Magazine." New York. 1857. pp. 244.

2. *The Bankers' Commonplace Book; containing:—I. A Treatise on Banking.* By A. B. JOHNSON, Esq., of Utica, New York. II. *Ten Minutes' Advice on keeping a Banker.* By J. W. GILBART, Esq. III. *BYLES on the Foreign Law of Bills of Exchange.* IV. *Remarks on Bills of Exchange.* By JOHN RAMSAY M'CULLOCH, Esq. V. *Forms of Bills of Exchange, in Eight European Languages.* VI. *Forms of Notices of Protest, with Remarks.* VII. *Synopsis of the Bank Laws of Massachusetts.* VIII. *Decisions on Banking, by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.* IX. *Suggestions to Young Cashiers on the Duties of their Profession.* X. *On the Duties and Misdoings of Bank Directors.* By A. B. JOHNSON. XI. *A Numismatic Dictionary; or, an Account of Coins of all Countries.* New York. 1857. 12mo. pp. 192.

THESE books, issued from the office of the "Bankers' Magazine," are all that they claim to be, and our best recommendation of them, therefore, is the transcription of their titles in full. Such manuals in